

FOREWORD

Since the inauguration of the Center for International Programs of Meiji University in 1986, we have been pursuing the promotion of "Area Studies" as one of its major activities.

We understand we have great deal to learn from the Canadian people and culture, and from a variety of things in Canada. Thus we are keenly aware of the importance of the Canadian Studies in order to understand and get ready to cope with diversified problems we are facing now. With these in mind, we held the serial lectures on Canadian Studies in the academic year 2006, for the period from April 2006 to March 2007. With the generous support by the Canadian Government, it has attracted a number of faculty members and students to the 8 lectures in total, covering various subjects such as History, Immigration, Education, International Relations, Literature, Politics, Economics, Culture and Society, Language, Sociology and other relevant field of study in Canada.

The report contents a brief summary of each lecture that was held. We certainly believe that it will contribute to opening a new horizon in Canadian Studies and Area Studies at large in our university.

Hereupon we would like to express our gratitude for the kind cooperation of all the guest speakers and participants who made great contribution to this program. Without their help, the program wouldn't have been so successful. We also appreciate the Canadian Government and the Board of Trustees of Meiji University for their generous support and understanding.

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